

1.
A True and Impartial
ACCOUNT,
Of the Strange and Wonderful
EARTHQUAKE,

Which happened in most Parts of the City of *London*, particularly, upon the *Royal-Exchange*, *Cornhill*, *Loatbbury*, and other Places, between the Hours of One and Two, in the Afternoon, on *Thursday*, the Eighth of *September*, 1692. To the Terror and Astonishment of all the Inhabitants, Residing, where its wonderful Effects were produced.

9. Sept. 1692.

THAT *Earthquakes* proceed from Air, pent up in the Caverns of the Earth, is the received Opinion of all the Antient Philosophers, and uncontroverted by all the Moderns, who have made it their Business to discover the internal Secrets of Nature, for the particular Advantage, and Grateful Satisfaction of the most Ingenious of Mankind: And because *Earthquakes* are not so usual in *England*, as in other Parts of the World, this was so terrible to the Inhabitants, and their Consternation so great and surprizing, that all the People were possesst with a Panick Fear; some Swooning, others Agast with Wonder and Amaze; the Houses were deserted, and the Streets thronged with so confus'd Multitudes, that there was no passing, nor could any Body give a true Relation of what had pass'd, for a considerable time; so great a Terrour and Affright do these Subterranean wonderful Causes produce, upon the Apprehensive Minds of Men; and tho this was not so great as has been heard of in Foreign Parts, particularly that which lately happened in *Port Royal*, in *Jamaica*, where some Thousands perished; yet it was so strange and wonderful in this Place, that the like has not been known, or heard of, in the Memory of Man; whether this Prognosticates any strange future Event, is uncertain, tho some has a particular Conjecture in the Affirmative. It being high Change, that Place was deserted through Fear, and the Merchants and others run, crowding themselves in the Streets, not daring to venture into the Houses, so great was the Confusion thereof, to the considerable Damage and Detriment of a great many Families, who felt the wonderful Effects of this unusual and astonishing trembling; for in some Houses, in divers Parts, the Pewter and Brass were thrown from the Shelves, on the Ground; several Weavers, as they were at work, in *Spittle-Fields*, and various other Parts, had their work spoiled in their Looms; a House on *Southwark*-side, sunk several Foot into the Earth, and by the moving of the Earth, many Persons were taken with a Giddiness in their Heads, and swooning Fits; divers Chimnies falling down from many Houses; this *Earthquake* has not been Circumscribe within the Bills of Mortality; but divers Towns in *Surrey*, *Hartfordshire*, *Essex*, *Kent*, &c. hath felt its Effect, particularly the Towns of *Barnet*, *St. Albans*, &c. but least these, and other Calamities, are occasioned by the Sins of this Nation, to avert any Prodigy of this Nature, ought to be the Prayers of all good Men, &c.